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This publication presents summary information from the Wisconsin Annual Survey of Hospices for 2002, and comparative data for 2001 and 2000. Wisconsin had 59 licensed hospices and 14,314 hospice patients in 2002. There were 671,647 hospice patient days during the year.

HOSPICE CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
• Hospices by Ownership Type			
Governmental	3	4	4
Nonprofit	49	50	50
Proprietary	7	7	7
All hospices	59	61	61
• Patients by Ownership Type			
Governmental	92	123	113
Nonprofit	10,934	10,289	9,386
Proprietary	3,288	2,796	2,375
All hospices	14,314	13,208	11,874
• Hospice Patient Days:	671,647	615,783	534,515
• Number of Hospices:			
Operating a residential facility	10	10	9
Operating an inpatient facility	5	6	5
Having a contract with a CBRF	45	44	42
Having a contract with an HMO	30	31	28
Having a contract with a nursing home . . .			
For inpatient respite service	7	8	17
For hospice routine care	54	55	53

HOSPICE EMPLOYEES, 2002

• Type of Employee	<u>Number</u>	<u>% Part-Time</u>	<u>FTEs Per 100 Patients</u>
RNs	679	72%	2.54
LPNs	89	74	0.33
Hospice aides	490	78	1.45
Social workers	142	63	0.63
All employees*	2,025	71%	n/a

HOSPICE PATIENTS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
• Percent Female	54%	54%	53%
• Percent by Age			
Age 55 and younger	8%	8%	8%
Age 55 to 64	10	10	11
Age 65 and older	82	82	81
Age 85 and older	29	29	25
• Hospice Utilization Rate (Patients per 1,000 Population)			
Total Population	2.6	2.5	2.2
Female	2.8	2.6	2.3
Female 65 and older	15.7	14.5	12.3
Male	2.4	2.3	2.1
Male 65 and older	17.6	16.7	15.1
• Total Admissions	13,041	12,034	10,850
• Percent of Admissions by Primary Pay Source			
Medicare	73%	74%	73%
Medicaid	3	3	3
Medicare/Medicaid dual entitlees	8	7	6
HMO	5	5	6
Private Insurance	9	11	11
Other	2	<1	1
• Total Discharges/Deaths	12,797	11,856	10,695
• Percent of Discharges/Deaths by Reason			
Hospice care not appropriate	5%	4%	5%
Transferred to another hospice	2	2	2
Revocation of hospice benefit	5	4	4
Other	1	1	1
Deaths	88	88	88
• Number of Patients on December 31, 2002	1,910	1,677	1,505

HOSPICE PATIENTS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
• Percent by Pay Source (Dec. 31)			
Medicare	78%	77%	78%
Medicaid	2	3	2
Medicare/Medicaid dual entitlements	11	10	8
Private insurance	6	6	7
Managed care/HMOs	2	2	2
Self-pay and other	1	2	3
• Percent with Selected Diagnoses			
Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	55%	60%	61%
End-stage cardiovascular disease	14	12	11
End-stage pulmonary disease	6	6	5
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	7	6	5
Alzheimer's disease	<1	3	2
Other	17	13	16
• Percent of Patients by Referral Source			
Physician	37%	37%	40%
Hospital	25	26	24
Self-referral	3	3	2
Patient's family	8	9	9
Home health agency	5	4	6
Nursing home	16	15	-
Other	6	6	19
• Percent of Patients by Living Arrangements (Dec. 31)			
Home/private residence	64%	64%	64%
Nursing home	22	23	24
Assisted living**	9	7	6
Hospice residential facility	2	4	4
Other	3	2	2

Length Of Stay For Patients Who Died Or Were Discharged

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Less than 7 days	31%	31%	28%
8 - 14 days	16	15	17
15 - 30 days	17	18	18
31 - 60 days	14	15	15
61 - 180 days	16	16	17
More than 180 days	6	5	5

* Includes all full-time and part-time employees, but excludes contract staff and volunteers. Data are as of December 8-14, 2002.

**Includes residential care apartment complexes, adult family homes, and community-based residential facilities (CBRFs). Other includes acute care hospitals.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The source of data for these tables is the Annual Survey of Hospices, conducted by the Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF), Department of Health and Family Services, in cooperation with Wisconsin-licensed hospices; the Bureau of Fee-for-Service Health Care Benefits, DHCF, and the Bureau of Quality Assurance, Division of Disability and Elder Services. Wisconsin HOPE (Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts) endorsed this survey.

The 2002 survey population consisted of 59 hospices licensed in Wisconsin. The survey instrument, prepared by the Bureau of Health Information, was mailed with the Hospice Annual Report (licensure) form in January 2003 by the Bureau of Quality Assurance. The survey utilizes a survey date of December 31; that is, hospices are asked to report some survey items (such as number of patients) as of that date. Other data items (such as the number of patient days and the number of admissions and discharges) were reported for all of calendar year 2002. Staffing information was based on the number of personnel employed by hospices during the week of Dec. 8-14, 2002. Data for 2000 and 2001 are also presented in this publication, based on surveys conducted for those years.

Hospice is a program that provides care to terminally ill persons who have a life expectancy of 6-12 months. (The patient must have a medical prognosis of 12 months or less to be eligible to receive services from a Wisconsin-licensed hospice. Medicare requires a prognosis of 6 months or less to elect the Medicare hospice benefit). "Hospice" can be an organization, a program within an organization, or a place (for details, see Wisconsin Administrative Code HFS 131).

Hospice care is significantly different in goals and emphasis from traditional medical practice. The goal of hospice care is palliative (seeking to improve patient comfort and to lessen pain and other symptoms of illness) rather than curative. It also emphasizes home care rather than institutional care, addresses the psychological, social, spiritual, and physical needs of the patient, and provides supportive services to the family. Volunteers are a unique component in hospice care.

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